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The **Institute for International Programs** serves as *National Secretariat* for the **Health and Child Survival Fellows Program (H&CS Fellows Program)**. The program has as its objective the establishing and fostering of a cadre of field-experienced technical experts in child survival and international health. The program offers two-year fellowships in international health and child survival for junior and mid-level Fellows. The program's assignments are with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), international health organizations and donor agencies, as well as with universities, Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and governments. Through a separate agreement the Program also places Fellows with the Baltimore City Health Department. The USAID assignments are located at USAID headquarters in Washington, DC and in its overseas field operations.



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Introducing New H&CS Fellows and Interns



***Matthew Emerson Barnhart, MD, MPH
HIV/AIDS Senior Technical Advisor
USAID/GH/OHA/TLR***

Dr. Matthew Barnhart serves as the HIV/AIDS Senior Technical Advisor to the Office of HIV/AIDS, Division of Technical Leadership and Research. He provides support to USAID's implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, with emphasis on interventions for prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and for HIV/AIDS care and treatment services. Dr. Barnhart also serves as liaison to regional bureaus and USAID partners in the care, treatment and PMTCT fields.

Since joining USAID/Washington in November, Dr. Barnhart has worked to become oriented to the Office of HIV/AIDS structure, vision, goals, and role in the overarching President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He has been introduced to key USAID partners in

the area of PMTCT, treatment, and care and has become more familiar with the details of current USAID-funded programs in these areas.

In his role as HIV/AIDS Advisor, Dr. Barnhart will provide technical support to USAID and its partners on the design and implementation of PMTCT interventions and community and facility-based HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs. Dr. Barnhart provides technical assistance and acts as a liaison to the Call to Action (CTA) Project, a large multi-country initiative that is focused on rapidly scaling up PMTCT services and is funded through a cooperative agreement between USAID and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. He recently worked with others at USAID to review the preliminary 2005 work plan for the CTA Project's work in 10 countries and to make recommendations for the final version. Dr. Barnhart also provides technical assistance and acts as a liaison to the USAID-funded Columbia University MTCT Plus Program, which is establishing family-centered HIV treatment and care services in Thailand and several countries in Africa through building on existing PMTCT programs. As the MTCT Plus project plans to expand its operations into new sites and countries in the upcoming year, Dr. Barnhart will provide support to evaluate MTCT Plus's plans and monitor progress towards objectives. During his first month at USAID, Dr. Barnhart also provided assistance in reviewing several HIV/AIDS operations research proposals submitted to USAID from the Horizons Project, and he may continue to be involved with Horizons in the future, particularly with respect to research projects that relate to treatment, care, and PMTCT.

To support his professional development, Dr. Barnhart participated in a seminar at USAID entitled "Management Without Micro-Management", which provided valuable training related to practical issues that arise in working with USAID cooperative agreements. He also invested time in expanding his technical background in HIV/AIDS treatment, care, and PMTCT in developing countries through reading recent literature and treatment guidelines covering these areas, particularly those focusing on treatment of children and pregnant women with HIV.

Dr. Barnhart received his MD and MPH from Johns Hopkins University, where he focused his training on international health and HIV/AIDS. He recently completed a Preliminary Internal Medicine Residency with Christiana Care Health System in Delaware, during which he trained at Delaware's State Clinic for HIV. Prior to this, Dr. Barnhart had worked with World Relief as Mongolia Program Coordinator, and was responsible for coordinating World Relief's development programs and in-country relations during the emerging phase of its involvement in Mongolia. As a Johns Hopkins Student Research Fellow, Dr. Barnhart worked in the retrovirus laboratory of Janice Clements to develop several different one-cycle replicating Simian Immunodeficiency Virus to use as candidate attenuated vaccines in a rhesus macaque HIV/AIDS model. Dr. Barnhart serves as Pastor at the Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church in Baltimore City.



***Misun Choi, MPH
MEASURE Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS***

Ms. Misun Choi serves as MEASURE Advisor in the Health Systems Division at USAID. As MEASURE Advisor she assists with the development and evaluation of initiatives relating to the improved collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data applicable to Health and Nutrition sectors in developing countries. Specific attention is given to indicator and program data in the fields of child survival, infectious diseases (including: tuberculosis, malaria, antimicrobial resistance, and surveillance), health systems, and maternal health. She also assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of Health and Nutrition activities of the MEASURE project.

In her capacity as MEASURE Advisor, Ms. Choi advises USAID on policy and program issues related to MEASURE, particularly as they relate to the collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data that are applicable to the health sectors of developing countries. She provides leadership in augmenting the usefulness of MEASURE products to health policy makers and program managers.

Ms. Choi assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of health, household and facility survey schedules (including areas such as, but not limited to, child health, nutrition, deliveries and maternal health, infectious diseases, health systems, health expenditure and utilization) for the Demographic and Health Surveys and other instruments developed under MEASURE.

She assists with the development, implementation, assessment and dissemination of health assessment tools, including rapid diagnostics and biomarkers, to ascertain the level and magnitude of health problems in developing countries, as well as countries' programmatic capabilities to deliver and finance health care.

Ms Choi works to develop and maintain networks involving persons and institutions worldwide that are concerned with data collection and their use in developing countries. This task includes: participating in meetings, report and survey reviews, and reviewing data/information requests; working with the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition Strategic Objectives teams on indicator development and reporting; serving as liaison with and coordinates MEASURE activities with relevant US Government Agencies and donors (UNICEF, World Bank, WHO, regional development banks, UNAIDS, private foundations, and global fund mechanisms), the Offices of Population and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, USAID regional and central bureaus and Missions; and field visits as part of coordination activities.

She serves as primary technical advisor from the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition on areas pertaining to the development, use, and dissemination of MEASURE products, particularly those of MEASURE DHS and MEASURE Evaluation.

Ms. Misun Choi comes to the Fellows Program from John Snow, Inc. (JSI) where she served as Technical Officer with the Center for Child Health providing technical assistance and support to JSI central and bilateral projects with child health components. Earlier she worked The World Bank Group researching and creating proposals for Social Development projects in China and South East Asia. She also worked with Women's Education for Advancement and Empowerment creating and researching proposals for reproductive health projects and capacity building projects. Ms. Choi served in the Peace Corps as Child Survival/Health and Nutrition Extensionist in Tchad. She received her MPH from Johns Hopkins University. She is bilingual in Korean and English. She also speaks French, Spanish, Mandarin-Chinese and Thai.



***Felicia Fielding, MPH
MCH/PRH Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS/EEST***

Ms. Felicia Fielding is Public Health Advisor for MCH for Europe and Eurasia and serves as expert technical advisor in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) and related areas such as Child Survival and Orphans and Displaced Populations, to the USAID's E&E Bureau and USAID Field Missions in the E&E Region. She maintains current up-to-date information on USAID-assisted and other donor and host country programs and current issues and best practices in MCH and PRH. She works on the development of health strategies and programs for the E&E region; ensure that critical technical knowledge in public health is transferred to the field. She participates with E&E and GH Staff in the review of annual reports, mid-cycle reviews, and strategy reviews in E&E countries. Ms. Fielding provides technical support and assistance to Agency-wide and regional technical initiatives or policy priorities related to public health, especially family planning, reproductive health, maternal and child health, child survival, and vulnerable populations.

Ms. Fielding provides technical assistance to the E&E Bureau and Missions in the design, implementation, and evaluation of bilateral and regional E&E PHN Programs. She provides expertise and technical support to USAID's Bureau for Europe and Eurasia and USAID's Bureau for Global Health related to MCH, PRH, and related areas. She provides technical information and support to PVOs, NGOs, contractors, grantees, donors and host countries in E&E regarding health activities. She establishes linkages between PRH and MCH to related programmatic areas such as gender, trafficking, domestic violence, youth and HIV/AIDS/STIs. Ms Fielding works with E&E Field Missions and BGH to assure E&E-funded programs' adherence to Agency guidance on child survival and health programs, particularly in the area of family planning. Respond to E&E Mission concerns and questions regarding the Tiahrt Amendment and the Mexico City Policy.

She prepares technical documents, responses to external inquiries, etc., in MCH and PRH in the E&E Region. She, also serves in a liaison role between the Bureau for Global Health and the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia. She works with other donor agencies, and public and private sector partners to ensure programmatic effectiveness in MCH and PRH. Ms. Fielding provides

technical assistance in related areas such as orphans and vulnerable populations, child survival and primary health care.

Ms. Fielding has worked as a consultant with Medical Care Development International (MCDI) on the Sierra Leone HIV/AIDS Response Project and Afghanistan Rural Expansion of Afghanistan's Community Based Health Care Program (REACH) project design. She worked with Africare, Inc as Francophone W. Africa Health Program Manager. She worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as field officer in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. She was responsible for coordinating minority support activities within Serb communities to generate conditions for refugee/IDP returns and re-establishment. She served as Reproductive Health Program Coordinator and later Country Director for Relief International, Kosovo. She was responsible for implementation and management of regional RH Training and Capacity Building Program. Ms. Fielding served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Madagascar, Health Education and Community Health Project. She also served in Peace Corps in Niger Maternal/Child Health and Nutrition Education Program. She is Fluent in French and Hausa. Ms Fielding received her MPH with concentration in International Health from Boston University



***Cynthia A. Hiner, MHS
USAID/GH/OHA/SPER
HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and
Reporting Fellow***

Ms. Cynthia Hiner serves as HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow in the Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) to provide broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. Ms. Hiner's role is to strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families and also assist USAID to design/implement Strategic Information Systems and report program results in the 15 priority countries under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Ms. Hiner assists Cooperating Agencies, PVOs, NGOs, other U.S. government agencies, multi-lateral and other international and domestic donors, in the design and implementation of cost-effective and relevant evaluation and monitoring systems. She assists agencies to design program activities that will have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects.

Ms. Hiner participates in the development and implementation of training programs, workshops, and other participatory activities that will serve to broaden knowledge and practice of effective monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs and related activities.

Ms. Hiner provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design and implementation of national or program-level monitoring and evaluation systems and also in the design/implementation of program evaluations.

She prepares, presents and disseminates materials, speeches, graphics, etc. on monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS and related programs to serve reference, informational and advocacy purposes. She also participates as a member of the Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting (MER) Team, under the direction of the MER Team Leader, and as a member of the SPER Division in planning, implementing and reporting on activities at the Team, Division, Office and Agency levels.

Ms. Cynthia Hiner comes to the Fellows Program from the HIV/AIDS Bureau at HRSA where she served as International Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator. Previously she served as Chief of the Division of Health Services Evaluation at the Maryland State AIDS Administration Evaluator. She also served in the Peace Corps in Lesotho where she taught secondary school mathematics and coordinated and carried out presentations on reproductive health, family planning, STDs and HIV/AIDS for the students. Ms. Hiner received her MHS from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



***Kamden D. Hoffmann, MA, MPH
Child Health Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH***

Ms. Kamden D. Hoffmann, MA, MPH serves as Child Health Advisor to the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Bureau for Global Health. Ms. Hoffmann provides technical and programmatic support to the Global Health Bureau in developing and implementing policy, research and program activities in health and child survival and in supporting the Agency's global and country agendas in child health and related areas.

Ms. Hoffmann provides technical, analytic and programmatic support and coordination to the members and secretariat of the Child Survival Partnership, a group composed of representatives from major international agencies, bilateral donors, foundations, and PVOs/NGOs who are pursuing the revitalization and enhanced funding that is required to address major unmet global child survival needs—to complete the Unfinished Child Survival Agenda. Ms. Hoffmann works with the director of the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition, and its Senior Advisor in Child Survival on the planning, coordination, preparation, and execution of Child Survival Partnership activities, including interaction with representatives of other Partnership organizations and of the Partnership Secretariat. These activities include planning and carrying out joint missions to selected countries, maintaining coordinated communication with Partners' in-country representatives, developing coordinated strategies for USAID support to country programs under the Partnership, participating in joint development and implementation of processes for monitoring progress and resources in selected countries, and participation in the planning, development, and execution of advocacy activities.

Ms. Kamden Hoffmann comes to the Fellows Program from University Research Co., LLC where she served as Technical Coordinator, Nambia and Program Development Associate. Previously she worked with Family Health International as Program Support Officer. She served as a volunteer and technical trainer in the United States Peace Corps in Ifugao, Philippines. She developed and implemented micro-enterprise and environmental education projects in a remote village. Through the Peace Corps she taught high school environmental education and led ecology awareness camps. She has also done consultant work for The Environmental Health Project, International Rescue Committee, Pan American Health Organization and The Asia Foundation.

Ms. Kamden Hoffmann received her MPH in International Health from George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and her MA in International Development from the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

Ms. Hoffmann speaks Spanish and Ifuago-Ayangan, and has a working knowledge of Vietnamese, Tagalog and Ilokano.



***M. D'Arcy Richardson, RN, PHN, MS, CNS
Tuberculosis and Infectious Disease Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS/EEST***

Ms. M. D'Arcy Richardson serves as Tuberculosis and Infectious Disease Advisor. She is the expert technical advisor for Tuberculosis (TB) and other Chronic and Infectious Diseases (ID), to USAID's E&E Bureau and USAID Field Missions in the E&E Region. She maintains current up-

to-date information on USAID-assisted and other donor and host country programs and current issues and best practices in TB and other ID. She works on the development of health strategies and programs for the E&E region; ensure that critical technical knowledge in public health is transferred to the field. She participates with E&E and GH Staff in the review of annual reports, mid-cycle reviews, and strategy reviews in E&E countries. She provides technical support and assistance to Agency-wide and regional technical initiatives or policy priorities related to public health, especially for tuberculosis and other infectious and chronic diseases.

Ms. Richardson prepares technical documents, responses to external inquiries, etc., in TB and other ID in the E&E Region. She serves in a liaison role between the Bureau for Global Health and the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia. Ms. Richardson works with other donor agencies, and public and private sector partners to ensure programmatic effectiveness in TB and ID. She represents USAID's E&E Bureau and the BGH TB team on WHO's European region TB committees, and assure coordinating with other donors such as OSI and GTZ related to TB programming in the E&E Region.

Recently, Ms. Richardson served as Health Project Co-Manager for a Private Foundation, CA. She participated on short-term overseas assignment to conduct a health needs assessment and design, build, and staff a first referral level hospital/clinic in a remote area of western Sichuan Province, China. Previously she worked for CA Department of Health Services, TB Control Branch, Berkeley, CA. initially as TB Control Technical, then TB Program Liaison and finally TB Outbreak Response Officer/Nurse Epidemiologist. She took lead responsibility for developing and implementing a TB Outbreak Response and Prevention Program for California, including written protocols, staff training, and technological tools.

Ms. Richardson served as Clinical Instructor for Community Health Nursing, at UCSF School of Nursing, San Francisco, CA. In this capacity she taught and mentored six nursing students providing health care to clients at two sites in San Francisco. She served as Co-Teacher for the Global Health Seminar, at UCSF School of Nursing, San Francisco, CA. For the Seminar she prepared and taught classes on global health issues to graduate nursing students, including classes on global burden of disease data, health and globalization, diarrheal illnesses and research in international settings.

Much of Ms. Richardson's international experience has been directed toward Tibetan refugees. She served on the Board of Directors and as Chair of Environment Committee for the Tibet Justice Center, Berkeley, CA. She has done extensive work on human rights and environmental issues with Tibetans in exile. She represented Tibetan interests at the World Conservation Union's First and Second Congresses in 1996 and 2000, and at the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. She served as Health Education Assistant at the Bir Tibetan Settlement, TCV School-Suja, Bir, H.P., India. She interviewed Tibetan refugee students regarding health issues and beliefs to develop effective health education programs. Primary She also served as Health Care Provider, Educator, and Researcher with the Tibetan Homes Foundation, Mussoorie, U.P., India. Continuing work as a volunteer provider in a Tibetan refugee settlement of 1,500

children, 400 staff, and 200 elderly, in the following capacities: Health Educator, Outpatient Clinic Nurse, and as Epidemiological Researcher.



Kamal from the El Fasher neighborhood in Darfur, Sudan. She is dressed up for Eid, celebrating the end of Ramadan. (Cathie Frazier, former HCS Intern)



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H&CS Fellows

Sharon Arscott-Mills, MPH
Child Survival Grants Program Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

During this past quarter, Sharon Arscott-Mills was actively involved in the in planning and implementation of the 2005 Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) RFA conference which was held in mid-September as a 2-day event. This year a particular emphasis was placed on new partners resulting in a half-day of the conference being devoted to introducing potential new partners to the CSHGP. Sharon presented during the conference on childhood injury prevention as this was a new intervention area introduced into the RFA this year.

Sharon also contributed to planning and leading a full day orientation meeting in October for new grantees introducing them to the requirements of the program and the detailed implementation plan (DIP) process. She has attended a number of other key meetings related to the CSHGP including the Flexible Fund Partners meeting and Standard Days Method training. She also attended a week long CTO training course in November on Assistance Management.

Project monitoring has involved site visits to Curamericas and Project HOPE sites in Guatemala over the last quarter. Both projects focus on targeting hard to reach indigenous populations where behavior change interventions are particularly difficult.

Sharon contributes to three working groups of the Collaborations and Resources Group (CORE Group); HIV/AIDS, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Safe Motherhood/Reproductive Health. She is involved in the Task Force for the review and updating of the Knowledge, Practices and Coverage Survey. This Survey tool is used by partners for quantitative baseline assessments. She also participates in the Faith Based Initiative task force within the Global Health Bureau and the Task Force for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

Joan Atkinson
HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor
USAID/Caribbean Regional Program

Ms Joan Atkinson serves as HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor to USAID's Caribbean Regional Program on HIV/AIDS. Based in Barbados, she has played and continues to play a major role in the design and implementation of both the past and current programs, which aim to scale up the Caribbean regional capacity to control the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Drawing on her extensive experience in HIV/AIDS, including clinical work, Ms. Atkinson provides technical, managerial, and financial oversight of numerous initiatives, including one that has established a network of regional training centers in HIV/AIDS. Her program covers 9 countries in the Caribbean region (including Suriname), and provides support for numerous regional bodies. Ms. Atkinson travels often throughout the region, and most recently has been involved in providing targeted assistance to victims of Hurricane Ivan in Grenada. She worked with other stakeholders in preparing a regional submission to the Global Fund on AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and is a member of two Regional Coordinating Mechanisms, including that of the successful proposal submitted by the Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS. The regional program necessitates that Ms. Atkinson work closely with regional organizations such as CARICOM, CAREC, and the University of the West Indies, as well as with other donors such as the CDC, CIDA and the EU.

Stacey Ballou, ND, RN
Child Health Advisor Fellow
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH

Dr. Stacey Ballou served as a Child Health Advisor to the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition Office. Dr. Ballou assisted the Maternal and Child Health Division in providing programmatic and technical support to child survival and maternal health programs, focusing on immunization activities including strengthening routine immunization systems and disease control initiatives. She also assisted the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator to provide programmatic oversight of four grants funded by the Office.

Over this last quarter Dr. Ballou assisted with the start up of the new global immunization project including strategic planning and early work plan development with the new cooperating agency. During this time Dr. Ballou was also actively engaged in the recently formed Sudan Task Force providing input for the health sector and working closely with OFDA on its new Annual Program Statement. Dr. Ballou continued working with OFDA, the Bureau for Global Health and the Sudan Field Office on the transition from relief to development in the Sudan and has supported the planning of a transition workshop to be held in Nairobi in January 2005.

Dr. Ballou is currently preparing for her next assignment as a health officer with the OFDA Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) for Darfur, Sudan. She will be deployed in early 2005.



Three boys from the El Fasher neighborhood in Darfur, Sudan. They are dressed up for Eid, celebrating the end of Ramadan. (Cathie Frazier, former HCS Intern)

Christopher G. Barrett, MSc
Infectious Diseases and HIV-AIDS Fellow
USAID/India

Mr. Christopher Barrett serves as the Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Fellow at the USAID mission in India. Mr. Barrett assists the Mission and its external partners to accomplish

programmatic objectives defined under the Mission's Strategic Objective (SO) #14: Improved health and reduced fertility in targeted areas of India.

Mr. Barrett provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's Infectious Disease and Child Survival interventions. Mr. Barrett coordinates and monitors support for Polio eradication and Routine Immunization portfolios. He serves as the Mission's point-person for applied epidemiological research, malaria control, HIV intervention performance monitoring, investments into support for the national surveillance system development, and provides technical and managerial support to the India Clinical Epidemiological Network (IndiaCLEN) activity. He has developed the ID strategy, results frameworks and performance monitoring plans for the ID Team and works to promote cross linkages to other SO teams.

Mr. Barrett provides technical input for the design and implementation of behavioral, mapping, and health care provider surveys which support the HIV-AIDS bilateral project of AVERT (Maharashtra). Mr. Barrett also provides technical and managerial support to the Mission's partnership in the Polio Eradication Initiative – supporting acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, social mobilization, and communication activities. Mr. Barrett is the mission's technical representative at Inter-Country Coordinating meetings and reviews for polio eradication and vaccine preventable diseases. He recently participated in the National Review of the Multi-Year Plan for Routine Immunization. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the Mission's contribution to WHO and IndiaCLEN for surveillance system development. He is working with other donors and Ministry of Health colleagues to further define USAID support for surveillance system strengthening one in or two states and nationally. Mr. Barrett also manages the mission's malaria control investments with the Malaria Research Center which include support for research for burden of malaria, malaria in pregnancy, drug resistance, and provider practices. Mr. Barrett is an active IndiaCLEN Governing Body and Institutional Review Board member and provides technical skills to the organization's activities. He helps to define research priorities and develop plans for applied Indo-US research in child survival and infectious disease.

Judy Canahuati, M.Phil.
MCHN & HIV Technical Advisor
USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD

Ms. Judy Canahuati is a Johns Hopkins Health and Child Survival Fellow serving as Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor PL 480-Title II - Office of Food for Peace in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance. In this position, as well as working with country back-stop officers on Development Assistance and Emergency proposals and on technical issues related to the areas of MCHN and HIV/AIDS, she serves on USAID and CORE Working Groups focusing on HIV, Nutrition and Food Security as well as on those working with the World Food Program (WFP), with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator for the President's Emergency Plan for Africa and other for a for sharing on nutrition and HIV-related issues.

During this quarter, Ms. Canahuati continued her participation in the Commodity Reference Guide working group with discussion on several potential commodities to be added to the commodities list. In October, Ms. Canahuati and colleagues from the Africa Bureau and FANTA presented the results from their August joint Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA), GH and FFP assessment of integration of food, nutrition and HIV actions in Mozambique. In November, Ms Canahuati participated in a REDSO workshop on HIV/AIDS and Food Security with presentations on Food for Peace policies on HIV and the Draft Basic Principles for Food Security Programming in Areas of High HIV prevalence. After the workshop, Ms Canahuati, visited with three PVOs who are cooperating sponsors of FFP in Uganda, as well as with the FFP program officer in the country. The possibility of more in-depth research on the different approaches of the organizations was discussed.

Ms. Canahuati has carried on with coordinating with several Offices and Bureaus outside of FFP. She and colleagues in FFP met with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) to begin discussions on greater coordination between on the use of FFP food in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief countries. Participants agreed that a Working Group that would focus on HIV/AIDS and food would be of value for both offices and FFP and OGAC agreed to coordinate on organizing a WG. Ms. Canahuati has approached both USDA and Peace Corps about participation in this WG and both have agreed. Ms. Canahuati initiated participation as well in an International Food Policy and Research Institute (IFPRI) Working Group on HIV/AIDS, Food Security and Agriculture. She has also contributed to the development of the Development Relief Guidelines for grants applications for FY 06, in the area of HIV/AIDS. Finally, she also presented on FFP's work in HIV/AIDS and Nutrition at a training session for New Entry Professionals (NEP). She has also continued to discuss the possibilities of a Food Security and HIV/AIDS network with several organizations including FFP Cooperating Sponsors and possible support organizations.

Work on Maternal Child Health and Nutrition issues focused the on process of developing a highly successful joint training with CORE on the HEARTH and Community Therapeutic Care methodologies for the recuperation of malnourished children. This course took place during the final week of November for Food for Peace Cooperating Sponsor PVOs. Over 20 PVO and FFP staff participated in the training and there is a great deal of interest in programming field trainings in the New Year. During the quarter as well, Ms. Canahuati met with the Mozambique FFP Officer to discuss a HEARTH training that USAID Mozambique is interested in organizing during third quarter FY05. She also coordinated with FFP's administrative support unit to organize a presentation on HEARTH and using Title II foods in HEARTH in FFP's weekly presentation series called "Food for Thought". In addition, she has initiated discussions with Global Health on how to improve the nutrition components of USAID grants with the topic of PDHEARTH.

Ms. Canahuati has been attending a number of continuing education events and technical update meetings. During this quarter she attended a staff update for the Office of HIV/AIDS on HIV risk and circumcision; in training on Global Development Alliances and in an update on Positive Deviance presented by CORE. She also attended a technical continuing education day on issues related to infant feeding. In addition, she participated in the CORE project's Technical Advisory Group on PDHEARTH meeting. She also attended a Global Health presentation on The

Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment for HIV/AIDS (AMPATH) program called HAART AND HARVEST INITIATIVE.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and ACDI/VOCA staff and HIV/AIDS volunteers at a Food Distribution site in Uganda.

Robin Collen-Zellers, MPH
Adolescent and Reproductive Health Advisor
Baltimore City Health Department
Division of Maternal and Child Health
Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health

Ms. Robin Collen-Zellers served as the Bureau Chief to the Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health (ARH). Ms. Collen-Zellers provides technical and managerial assistance to the Baltimore City Health Department's efforts to improve reproductive health outcomes and prevent unplanned pregnancies.

In collaboration with public health leaders and the staff of the Bureau of Adolescent and Reproductive Health, Ms. Collen-Zellers helped develop initiatives and policies to reduce unplanned and adolescent pregnancy and improve reproductive health care for women and men in Baltimore City. She provided leadership to ARH, ensuring oversight and development of staff, fiscal management, compliance with regulations and quality assurance/improvement. She also

worked to enhance coordination between the MCH Division/Bureau of ARH of the Baltimore City Health Department and other programs and agencies working on reproductive health and teen pregnancy prevention in the city.

Ms. Collen-Zellers focused her efforts on learning about ARH's role in the community, the Bureau's and BCHD's organizational structure, and identifying funding sources to support ARH's programming.

ARH was awarded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene an \$180,000 grant to expand HIV integration efforts into existing family planning programming. ARH plans to include other Baltimore city community programs in this effort such as homeless shelters, drug treatment centers and the Maryland Department of Social Services.

Ms. Collen-Zellers ended her Fellowship in December and began a new job as Vice-President for Clinical Services, Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Bradley A. Cronk, MPH, MIA
Health Policy Analyst
USAID/PPC/P

Mr. Bradley Cronk serves as Health Policy Analyst to USAID/PPC/P. Mr. Cronk analyzes, evaluates and clarifies USAID policies and strategies in Child Survival, HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases, and Reproductive Health. Mr. Cronk provides technical and operational assistance in the development and implementation of USAID's PHN program and project activities at AID/W and overseas. He has reviewed mission documentation submitted to AID/W, such as Strategic Plans, Annual Reports, and sectoral or activity-related documents, and has provided input into PPC Bureau and/or Agency reviews of such documents.

As coordinator of the writing, production and distribution of the annual update of the CSH Program Funds Guidance, Mr. Cronk monitors and analyzes policy and legislative provisions affecting CSH funds, and serves as a contact both in Washington and for missions' queries regarding CSH programming compliance. The 2004 Update of the CSH Program Funds Guidance was completed in July and has been widely disseminated. During this quarter, exceptions to the CSH Guidance was sought by USAID/Jamaica and USAID/J-CAR (Grenada) and approved in response to the destruction wrought by Hurricane Ivan. Mr. Cronk's preparation for the 2005 Update of the CSH Guidance has already begun with some preliminary analysis of the recently passed 2005 Appropriation Act.

Mr. Cronk this quarter has continued in his role as the principal researcher, coordinator and writer to a policy guidance paper promoting a multisectoral approach to fighting HIV/AIDS. The paper has been disseminated to key stakeholders/reviewers within the Agency. Mr. Cronk has worked in

consultation with policy and technical specialists to refine the draft in preparation for Agency clearances and the draft is now being finalized for circulation to bureaus.

Late in the previous quarter, Mr. Cronk was identified to coordinate the health input to the State/USAID Joint Performance Plan (JPP). Mr. Cronk continues to work with Bureau of Global Health colleagues and to liaise with State Department counterparts as the document gets refined and finalized.

In November, Mr. Cronk participated in a Career Panel at the New School in New York to discuss opportunities at USAID. He will speak at two additional career panels, early in January 2005, at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs Washington DC Career Conference. Mr. Cronk also attended several sessions of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) annual conference, November 6-10.

Kelly Flynn-Saldana, MPH, MPIA
Public Health Advisor
USAID/LAC/RSD-PHN

Ms. Kelly Flynn-Saldana serves as Public Health Advisor to USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, Office of Regional and Sustainable Development (LAC/RSD).

Ms. Flynn-Saldana provides technical and managerial assistance in the oversight of LAC Regional Population, Health and Nutrition Programs, with special reference to health systems reform and strengthening and other assigned technical areas, including technical oversight of implementing partners, such as PAHO and GH Bureau Cooperating Agencies.

During this quarter, Ms. Flynn-Saldana has been involved in negotiating workplans for a new grant with the Pan American Health Organization in the areas of Health Systems Reform and Health Information Systems. She has also negotiated a workplan with a Global Health Bureau implementing partner on strengthening decentralized health services through tools to improve planning and resource allocation. She has served as the technical backstop on two trends analysis projects – one which is a bi-annual update of regional trends and the other which is looking specifically at trends in Central American countries using information from Demographic and Reproductive Health surveys conducted in the region.

Also during this quarter, Ms. Flynn-Saldana participated in two TDYs to participate in regional and worldwide conferences. She attended the Ministerial Summit on Health Research in Mexico City, which was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Global Forum on Health Research. She also attended a regional meeting on Sector Wide Approaches organized by the Pan American Health Organization.

During this quarter Ms. Flynn-Saldana has worked on the planning committee for the upcoming consultative meeting for field PHN officers in LAC to be held next March, the planning committee for the Global Health Bureau Health Systems Training held in early December and she has sat on the Public-Private Alliances working group of the Global Health Bureau.

Mary J. Freyder, MPH
HIV-AIDS Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Fellow
USAID/GH/HIV-AIDS/PER

Ms. Mary J. Freyder serves as a member of the Planning, Evaluation and Reporting Division (Office of HIV/AIDS) to provide broad HIV/AIDS-related expertise and guidance in program evaluation and monitoring. She works to strengthen USAID's ability to monitor program implementation, document results, and assess program impact of USAID's strategic objective to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the impact of the disease on nations, communities and families. She also works as a member of the USAID HIV M&E Team to support the strategic information needs of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Ms. Freyder assists Implementing Agencies, PVOs, NGOs, other U.S. government agencies, multi-lateral and other international and domestic donors, in the design and implementation of cost-effective and relevant evaluation and monitoring systems. She assists agencies design program activities that have a sustainable impact on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmission and the mitigation of the epidemic's effects. Ms. Freyder co-leads, with the Center for Disease Control, the Health Management Information Systems Working Group for the Global AIDS Coordinator's (GAC) Office. She also co-leads the Surveillance Working group for the GAC Office. She provides technical assistance to USAID missions and regional bureaus in the design of monitoring and evaluation systems and implementation of program evaluations. Ms. Freyder is also the GAC Strategic Information Advisor to the country team that manages the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief in Guyana.

“In recognition for her exceptional performance in strengthening HIV/AIDS monitoring and evaluation systems, ably representing USAID on the M&E Presidential Initiative work stream and providing much appreciated help to missions as diverse as Ghana to Guyana.” The Bureau for Global Health presented Ms. Freyder with an “Above and Beyond” award.

Kama G. Garrison, MPH
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS
Pharmaceutical Management Advisor

Ms. Kama Garrison serves as Pharmaceutical Management Advisor in the Health Systems (HS) Division. She provides the Health Systems Division with technical and managerial assistance in the implementation of the Rational Pharmaceutical Management (RPM) Plus Program and the

United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Quality and Information (USPDQI) Program. Ms. Garrison contributes to strengthening Health, Infectious Disease, and Nutrition (HIDN) approaches and strategies and enhancing health system performance in the delivery of PHN priority interventions in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases by improving overall drug management, product quality assurance and pharmaceutical information activities. She supports efforts to combat the development of drug resistance and increase the awareness of this growing problem in light of the many global initiatives supplying vastly increased amounts of drugs to developing countries with weak health systems and scarce human resource capacity to manage and use them effectively. Ms. Garrison provides technical support to the antimicrobial resistance component of the USAID Infectious Disease Strategy.

Ms. Garrison identifies drug management research and operational issues related to health commodity management and infectious disease control requiring attention, and develop appropriate mechanisms for assuring drug quality and information dissemination for enhanced quality of care, including preventing the emergence and spread of drug resistance as well as the formulation of Agency efforts to promote global collaboration. She exercises technical leadership, and provides appropriate and effective assistance to field programs. She maintains and enhances Health Systems (HS) Division contacts with a broad range of stakeholders, including Strategic Objective teams, field missions, regional bureaus, contractors, multilateral and bilateral donor organizations, foundations, global initiatives providing health commodities, the pharmaceutical industry, and USG agencies, among others.

Ms. Garrison participates in the development and monitoring of assigned elements of Cooperating Agency (CA) work plans, including the overarching health commodity components affecting the performance of the health system or specific activities designed more directly to help achieve HIDN Strategic Objectives. She oversees implementation of selected CA commodity management health system improvement efforts as well as Strategic Objective directed work. These include areas such as increasing access to appropriate drugs of assured quality in the private sector and approaches to help institutionalize transparent and accountable procurement practices within health systems. She coordinates RPM Plus and USPDQI field support to selected USAID geographic regions (Asia, Near East, Europe and Eurasia, West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean) by working directly with cooperating agencies and missions. She also oversees implementation of selected research activities being undertaken by the cooperating agencies (e.g., intervention research on drug use practices in the community or development of low cost, low tech tools to screen for and detect sub-potent drug products).

Thomas A. Hall, MPH
Child Survival and Health Grants Program Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT

Thomas Hall serves as Child Survival and Health Grants Program Advisor to the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition. He assists in strengthening the contributions of and expanding

the involvement of U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) with USAID's Child Survival and other programs by advising on policy and program issues related to the centrally funded Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Mr. Hall participates in the review of the Child Survival and Health Grants Applications and ensures consistent application of Agency policy determinations, grant-award criteria and operational policy and guidelines in the review process, as well as guides the process to ensure timely responses. Mr. Hall advises PVOs on Agency policies, priorities, practices and procedures regarding USAID funding for institutional development, management services and/or multi-country development programs under the Child Survival and Health Grants Program. Additionally, Mr. Hall assists with the development, coordination and analysis of Agency relationships with the international health community. He assists with collaboration with other Agency bureaus, offices and missions in recommending, implementing and monitoring policies and procedures regarding PVOs with child survival programs. He assists with the development and monitoring of training programs especially designed for the benefit of PVOs funded through CSHG programs, particularly as they pertain to USAID grant policies, proposal development, program design and general USAID funding eligibility requirements. Moreover, he assists in coordinating expert technical consultation, both within and outside USAID, to ensure technical/administrative soundness of PVO project-design. He provides guidance to PVOs in grant management and in interpreting and analyzing USAID policy statements regarding USAID/PVO relationships in areas of health and child survival. Finally, Mr. Hall monitors, evaluates and advises on the status, progress and implementation of USAID funded PVO child survival and health projects, by traveling to PVO headquarters and field sites as needed. In the past two years, he has traveled to Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Yemen to visit several on-going, PVO programs. He also, spent three weeks in Djibouti, helping the new USAID program start with the design of its \$12,000,000 health program, as part of his country coordinator responsibilities. Included in Mr. Hall's travel to visit programs, he has also participated in an international malaria control conference sponsored by WHO, and several PVO conferences related to the CORE Group, as well as numerous training workshops in nutrition, program sustainability, in addition to monitoring and evaluation.

Lisa M. Kramer, MPH
HIV/AIDS, TB & Infectious Diseases Advisor
USAID/Jakarta

Ms. Lisa Kramer serves as HIV/AIDS, and Infectious Diseases Advisor at USAID/Indonesia. She works as a member of the HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases Team, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. As a member of the team she provides policy, strategic, technical, programming, and budgetary guidance to USAID/Indonesia, government counterparts and implementing partners. Ms. Kramer serves as the technical advisor for a large cooperative agreement with Family Health International (FHI) for HIV/AIDS; an activity with the Naval Medical Research Unit-2 (NAMRU-2) for malaria; and TB activities supported through a worldwide USAID cooperative agreement with the TB Coalition for Technical Assistance, managed by the Royal Dutch TB Association (KNCV). In the context of a new 2004-2008

Country Strategic Plan, she works within the Strategic Objective team to ensure that maximum program synergies and targeted results are achieved.

Ms. Kramer's primary focus during the past quarter, was preparing for and serving on a team to design the next phase of USAID's HIV/AIDS program for Indonesia. The team met for three weeks during the end of November and early December, meeting with key stakeholders, conducting site visits at current project sites, visiting projects implemented by other donors, and developing the new project plan. Ms. Kramer provided technical assistance to the team through developing the scope of work, providing expertise on Papua and the nature of the current epidemic in Indonesia, and drafting portions of the plan.

Other HIV/AIDS activities include attending an HIV/AIDS course, donor coordination, World AIDS Day events, and briefing the new U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia on HIV/AIDS. At the end of October, Ms Kramer attended the Essentials Course for HIV/AIDS managers held in Accra Ghana. There she presented on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Papua Province, Indonesia, and on the efforts in Indonesia to involve the Islamic community in HIV/AIDS prevention and support. As donor activity for HIV/AIDS prevention increases in Indonesia, Ms. Kramer has worked with other major donors, including AusAID, DFID, and the UN family to ensure a coordinated response that is in line with the National Strategy in Indonesia. USAID partners were involved in organizing many World AIDS Day events, including an MTV co-sponsored concert and an original puppet performance that melds traditional Wayang Kulit puppetry with HIV/AIDS and drug prevention messages. Ms. Kramer coordinated USAID participation in these events and represented the U.S. at the presidential palace for President Yudhoyono's first public HIV/AIDS event. During the quarter, U.S. Ambassador Lynn Pascoe arrived in Indonesia. Ms. Kramer arranged for and participated in a briefing for the Ambassador on the HIV/AIDS epidemic and U.S. activities in Indonesia.

Ms. Kramer attended a local government TB advocacy workshop in West Java. Also in West Java, she conducted a site visit at a local health clinic and village to monitor DOTS implementation. She also assisted NGOs in applying for Child Survival Grant funds for TB activities.

Projected activities for the next quarter are to socialize the new HIV/AIDS plan within the USAID mission and prepare for a competitive bidding process. Ms. Kramer will also evaluate Child Survival TB Grant applications, participate in a 2-week TB monitoring mission, and in a TB advocacy task force.



Lisa Kramer (fifth from left) with implementing partners from KNCV for TB control program and staff of a puskesmas, local government health clinic in Tangerang, West Java. They are on a site visit to monitor DOTS implementation at the clinic.

Stephen A. Lee, MD
HIV/STI Infectious Diseases Advisor
USAID/E&E/DGST/ST

Dr. Stephen Lee serves as Infectious Diseases Advisor to The Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, Office of Democracy, Governance and Social Transition.

Dr. Lee assists the Bureau for Europe & Eurasia in strengthening evidence-based programming of infectious disease prevention and control activities throughout the countries of Europe and Eurasia. He develops other concepts, rationale, materials and tools that might influence decision-

makers in the E&E region to better support programs to control HIV/AIDS in the region. This requires close liaison with the Bureau of Global Health.

Dr. Lee is a key liaison person between the E&E Bureau Social Transition Team and the Bureau for Global Health and the E&E Regional Support Center in Budapest. He provides technical assistance to Missions on issues related to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as liaison with other donors and organizations including CDC, NIH, NIDA NGOs/PVOs and WHO he facilitates coordination of policies, approaches, and programs with respect to infectious disease programs, ensuring that USAID's concerns regarding building local capacity are appropriately reflected in these discussions.

Dr. Lee assists the Bureau by analyzing and mapping the development of infectious diseases, especially the HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and STI epidemics in the region. He analyzes data on the magnitude and reach of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the E&E Region including the collection and synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data on people with HIV and AIDS, by country, age, gender, and etiology of HIV infection. Determine whether the epidemic has expanded from high-risk populations to broader, mainstream populations.

Dr. Lee provides scientific technical guidance on the prevention and control of infectious diseases, specifically in the technical design, evaluation and monitoring of HIV/AIDS, STI and tuberculosis programs. He analyzes data on the STI epidemic in the region. This involves the synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data on STI's. He monitors and evaluates programs in the region for the syndromic management of STIs. He analyzes data on the HIV/TB co-infection issue in the region. This involves close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia and USAID's Bureau of Global Health.

Dr. Lee gave a presentation at our Auxiliary Meeting at the Global Health Council Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June 2004.

Dr Lee provides technical oversight for two projects providing HIV/STI prevention messages and programs targeting high risk young people and most at risk populations. He also provides support and oversight to a project providing technical assistance for successful implementation of Global Fund grants.

He is currently working on the development of a concept paper to design and implement a USAID E&E Regional Infectious Disease Initiative.

Dr. Lee traveled to Georgia: to participate in Assessment of the HIV situation in Abkhazia. This assessment was performed in response to a request to USAID/Georgia from the de-facto government of Abkhazia, for assistance in the area of HIV infection due to concern that HIV was expanding at an alarming rate. This rapid situational analysis was conducted to determine the nature of HIV infection in the region, the response to date, needs and gaps in the program, and potential areas of assistance. He traveled to Belarus to assist the USAID/Ukraine Mission with a

detailed assessment and plan-of-action of possible projects and activities, to support Belarus' Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (GFATM) grant activities.

In October 2004 he attended the HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment for Drug Users in Asia; Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Patricia J. Mengech, MPH
Africa Regional Program Advisor
USAID/GH/RCS

Patricia Mengech serves as Africa Regional Specialist to the Bureau for Global Health's (GH) Office of Regional and Country Support (RCS). One of GH's six offices, RCS is responsible for representing USAID missions in Washington and supporting their needs. This includes ensuring mission views are factored into GH decisions that impact the field; providing missions with technical, management, and logistical assistance; providing strategic information and resources to missions; coordinating technical support to the field with GH offices and regional bureaus; and providing staff coverage for missions during absences and peak work periods. Patricia is the RCS backstop for USAID missions in seven eastern and southern African countries (Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Namibia, and Zambia), four of which are Presidential Initiative HIV/AIDS funding focus countries.

Patricia is alternate country coordinator (ACC) for two Africa missions, Malawi and Eritrea. Along with the country coordinator, the ACC is the primary contact and principal coordinator of technical and other support for the mission PHN team; serves as the Agency authority on the PHN program, sector and country context; serves as a virtual member of mission PHN team; and represents mission PHN program and interests in Washington.

Kenya, with an HIV prevalence rate of between 7 and 9%, is one of 15 focus countries in the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). In September, Patricia traveled to Kenya to work with the US Government Interagency Team (composed of CDC, USAID, the US Peace Corps, and the Department of Defense) responsible for managing PEPFAR, on a solicitation for concept papers for HIV/AIDS activities for 2005.

Out of close to 1,000 concept papers received, 745, requesting a total of \$520 million, met the basic application requirements and underwent further screening for merit and for their relevance towards contributing to Kenya's targets for HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment. The approved concepts were included in Kenya's Country Operational Plan (COP) for 2005, submitted to the US Global AIDS Coordinator (GAC) for review and approval. GAC currently is reviewing the COPs and submitters of approved concept papers will subsequently be asked to develop more detailed proposals and implementation plans.

In early November, Patricia spent a week in Madagascar working with the USAID mission and its partners (including Chemonics, PSI, FHI, and ORC Macro) to develop the mission's performance management plan (PMP), a tool for managing and documenting the portfolio and reporting on its performance. The PMP will enable the Madagascar health SO team to collect performance data which it will use to assess its contribution to USAID/Madagascar's program results and to make informed program management decisions.

Abdirahman Mohamed, MD
Child Survival, Nutrition and Malaria Advisor,
USAID/Zambia

Dr. Mohamed serves as USAID/Zambia lead technical expert in Child Survival, Nutrition and Malaria activities. Dr. Mohamed serves as the coordinator and primary technical resource for the implementation and monitoring/evaluation of USAID's child survival, nutrition and malaria programs. He serves as the mission's liaison with GRZ, other donors, and PVOs working in child survival, nutrition and malaria. He serves as the USAID/Zambia liaison with USAID/Washington and its cooperating agencies to identify needs for technical assistance from USAID/W in the area of child survival, nutrition and malaria and coordinates its implementation with GRZ, all the USAID cooperating agencies, PVOs, and other donors.

During the last quarter, Dr. Mohamed provided technical assistance to Zambia's National Malaria Control Center (NMCC) in the development of the National Guidelines for Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets (ITNs), "**Guidelines for implementation and Monitoring in Zambia**". This ground breaking document will enable Zambia and its malaria partners at all levels, to work together more efficiently to bring this life-saving and cost effective intervention to more families throughout Zambia. The Zambian government has shown its commitment to Roll Back Malaria (RBM) by removing all taxes and tariffs on ITNs and their re-treatments.

In November 2004, Dr. Mohamed met with his counter parts from the Ministry of Health and from the National Malaria Control Center to discuss joint programming and planning in malaria and HIV/AIDS. A major focus of the discussion was to include the Intermittent Preventive Treatment (IPT) and Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) as part of Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) programs/activities funded by USAID.

This past quarter, Dr. Mohamed participated in the presentation and round table discussion of the Zambia National Vitamin A Impact Survey. The survey was supported through an inter-agency agreement between USAID and CDC. The overall objective of the assessment was to evaluate the impact of vitamin A interventions, supplementation and sugar fortification in Zambia, all these interventions are managed by the Health and Child Survival Fellow. The survey showed that vitamin A is still a serious public health problem in children 6-59 months but when compared to the previous survey of 1997, tremendous improvements have been achieved in the plasma retinol concentrations of these children.

Monique A. Mosolf, MSW, MPH
Vitamin A/Micronutrients Program Coordinator
USAID/GH/HIDN/CS

Ms. Monique Mosolf serves as the principle coordinator and liaison for GAIN, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, a global entity with food fortification for enhancement of nutritional status as its priority. She facilitates and participates in discussions associated with fortification technologies, establishment of quality control systems for production and distribution processes, and legislation and enforcement procedures. Through GAIN, she works with food and pharmaceutical multinational companies to launch public-private partnerships at a country level. Toward building national food fortification programs, Ms. Mosolf also supports the development of country grant proposals for submission to GAIN.

As the principle coordinator and liaison for USAID's Enhanced Vitamin A Effort (VITA), she serves as the Agency's lead contact, working with other USAID Bureaus, the field missions and various international agencies such as UNICEF, the World Bank and WHO. Because the VITA initiative is unique in its partnership between public and private sector, Ms. Mosolf facilitates and promotes a productive working relationship with key representatives from the food industry, food processors and manufacturers, and pharmaceutical companies. This includes working with USAID implementing agencies to track vitamin A capsule programs in the 20 VITA-focus countries.

In the roll-out and scale up of zinc programs for the treatment of diarrhea, Ms. Mosolf works with USAID Missions to facilitate country-level implementation of this new proven intervention. Ms. Mosolf also helps to promote multi-sectoral programs to further the Agency's efforts to find solutions for addressing anemia in women and children.

Patricia Ann Paine, D. Litt. et. Phil, MSc, MSc
HIV/AIDS/TB Technical Advisor
USAID/Brazil

Dr. Patricia Paine serves as HIV/AIDS/TB Technical Advisor in the USAID/Brazil mission's health program. She provides technical guidance and stewardship for projects aimed to expand directly observed therapy short-course strategy for tuberculosis (DOTS) that is jointly implemented by the Brazilian Ministry of Health, State and Municipal Health Secretariats and other partners. USAID/Brazil's current TB activities include the TBCTA partnership for capacity building at the federal and state level, the Johns Hopkins University project for training community outreach workers in DOTS in Rio de Janeiro City, the MSH/RPM+ Pharmaceutical management project, the BENFAM (a Brazilian NGO) project for DOTS implementation in the

Recife Metropolitan Area, and the CDC project that will shortly begin furnishing technical assistance for DOTS expansion to Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo States which together are responsible for 40% of Brazil's TB cases.

Recently, Dr. Paine participated in the XXXII Brazilian Pneumology Congress in Salvador where the results of USAID funded DOTS expansion activities were one of the highlights of the tuberculosis round table discussions. Dr. Paine also participated in the recent National Tuberculosis Program Evaluation Meeting and the launching of the Partnership for Tuberculosis Control which were both held in Brasilia. Presently, Dr. Paine is participating in discussions for further DOTS expansion projects with the MOH and TB coordinators from several states in the Brazil's northeastern region.

After much planning and negotiation, training has begun for the USAID sponsored national study of tuberculosis drug resistance and prevalence of HIV infection among TB victims. The results of these investigations will provide data for DOTS expansion planning and implementation over the entire country. Valuable information will also be obtained for orienting tuberculosis treatment regimens.

Billy Pick, JD, MSW
HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor
USAID/ANE/SPOTS

Mr. Billy Pick serves as HIV/AIDS and STD Advisor to the Asia Near East Bureau. He provides technical and managerial assistance to the design, monitoring and evaluation of USAID's STD and HIV-AIDS programs, projects and initiatives within the Asia and Near East region. He assists in the management, implementation and evaluation of the ANE Regional HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Project. He monitors HIV/AIDS and STD trends, programmatic activities and developments in the ANE region. Mr. Pick provides technical support to USAID overseas missions on the design and implementation of interventions to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. He serves as liaison to the USAID's Bureau of Global Health on technical issues and on regional developments and issues. Mr. Pick assists with coordination of HIV/AIDS and STD activities. He also serves in a liaison capacity with cooperating agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector and other organizations working on HIV-AIDS/STD issues in the region.

This past quarter, Mr. Pick went on TDY to Indonesia to conduct an external evaluation of the bilateral FHI/Aksi Stop AIDS Project and provide recommendations for a follow-on mechanism. He also went on TDY to Vietnam twice during this period: first as part of a country Core Team visit to meet with Government, INGO, local NGO and PLWHA on the accession of Vietnam to status as a Presidential Initiative country; and then as part of the team which finalized the country strategy and the submission of the FY05 Country Operating Plan. He also traveled to Cambodia to work on the Concept Paper for the 2006-2010 Country PHN strategy. He worked on and attended

the State of the Art Training in Delhi for regional PHN staff. He also met with other bilaterals and multilaterals including UNAIDS, WHO and the World Bank, as well as with USAID and Embassy TDY staff from the ANE region.

John C. Quinley, M.D., MPH, ScD
Child Survival Advisor
USAID/Nepal

Dr. John Quinley serves as the Health and Child Survival Advisor to USAID/Nepal. Dr. Quinley provides technical and administrative oversight to the USAID/Nepal supported public health programs, policies, initiatives and activities, specifically in the areas of child health, maternal health and infectious disease. Dr. Quinley works with USAID, Government of Nepal (GON), other donors, NGOs, and staff of the "Nepal Family Health Program" (NFHP), the USAID/Nepal family planning and maternal and child health bilateral activity. Dr. Quinley provides technical oversight to the USAID/Washington BHR-funded Child Survival Grants including Mission response to proposals and technical guidance during implementation and evaluation.

In the last quarter Dr. Quinley attended the State Of The Art conference for the Asia Near East bureau in Delhi and presented on Community Based Treatment of Childhood Pneumonia in Nepal. He was able to visit Bangladesh and India to review the work of four USAID supported neonatal healthcare programs and participated in planning for a new community based maternal-neonatal intervention in Jhapa district Nepal through the USAID bilateral project. He presented the scientific background and potential next steps for zinc therapy for childhood diarrhea to the CB-IMCI working group of the Child Health Division, Department of Health Services, which has endorsed moving forward with planning for a program to introduce zinc therapy in Nepal. He accompanied a consultant with the IVM program for design of targeted USAID support for malaria control given the start of up Global Fund activities for this disease.

Bryn A. Sakagawa, MIM, MPH
Health Systems Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Ms. Bryn Sakagawa serves as Health Systems Technical Advisor and provides HIDN and the Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA) with technical and managerial assistance in health reform, human capacity development (HCD) and resource allocation.

For the Health Systems Division, Ms. Sakagawa leads new activities and provides oversight of the Partners for Health Reform^{plus} Project (PHR^{plus}). As part of the CTO team for PHR^{plus}, she helped to finalize the PHR^{plus} assessment and participated on the Performance Evaluation Board to determine the project's award fee. As alternate country coordinator for REDSO, she

participated in the REDSO partners meeting in Entebbe, Uganda and then traveled to Kenya for meetings with REDSO and the Kenya mission. She used the opportunity to receive feedback on PHR_{plus}' performance and to hear suggestions for the redesign of the project. In December, she worked with the Office of Population and Health Systems Division to organize and host a Health Systems and Enabling Environment Training for the NEPs, IDIs and other Global Health employees.

In HIV/AIDS, Ms. Sakagawa provides technical assistance to Washington and the field. In October, she provided technical assistance to the Nigeria mission. During her visit, she helped develop the USG five year strategy and FY05 COP. Throughout the process, she participated as an active team member to ensure productive USG agency collaboration and relationships. She also re-drafted the SO14 concept paper and civil society and faith-based organization network annual program statement.

Ms. Sakagawa's professional development activities included attending the American Public Health Association meeting in Washington DC. During the meeting, she served as Secretary and Section Counselor of the International Health Section. She also participated on a Careers in International Health panel and as a moderator for "Health Systems and Models: What's New?". In November, she attended the Public-Private Alliance Training.

Matthew U. Sattah, MSc, MPH
Knowledge Management Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Matthew Sattah advises the Bureau for Global Health on knowledge management (KM) and the applications of Information Technology. He also serves as the technical representative for the Bureau to the Agency's "Knowledge for Development" subcommittee. The following are highlights of his accomplishments and current activities.

With guidance from the senior management staff, Matthew has produced a guideline for knowledge management for the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases & Nutrition. The guideline will serve as the first step toward the integration of Knowledge Management approaches in the new and existing programs.

Matthew has been providing technical guidance in KM to the Information and Knowledge for Optimal Health (INFO) project within the Office of Population and Reproductive Health. He recently accompanied the INFO technical team to conduct a KM assessment activity for the Regional Development Mission—Asia in Bangkok and planned to work closely with the team on the design and implementation of KM solutions.

Previously serving as technology lead in a development team for the Global Health Fundamentals eLearning System, Matthew is now tasked with filling the role of a 'champion' for this effort. The

development team has produced two courses on Tuberculosis basics and the fundamentals of IUD and is currently planning additional courses to cover all major public health topics.

The Global Health Bureau has also chosen Matthew to lead the coordination of efforts in web development. He is currently working with teams of contractors and Global Health staff to manage the contents of the internet and intranet web sites.

Matthew continues to play a vital role in the Agency's Knowledge for Development subcommittee, especially in planning for the implementation of the Agency's KM strategy. He has assisted a team of trainers and consultants in designing and implementing a three-day workshop at the Regional Center for Southern Africa this summer. The workshop has resulted in the creation of "Knowledge Coordinator" roles by a number of missions in Africa. Matthew is now working with the KfD outreach team to provide the workshop to other missions.

Adam Y. Slote, M.D., MPH
Child Health Advisor
USAID/GH/HIDN/MCH

As the Child Health Advisor assigned to Strategic Objective 3 (SO3), Dr. Slote's chief responsibilities are to provide technical and operations support to the SO3 Team Leader, and to the Cognizant Technical Officer (CTO) for BASICS III, a USAID-funded project that serves as the SO's primary vehicle for achieving its intermediate results. In addition to these two responsibilities, he also serves as Global Health Country Coordinator for East Timor, and provides child survival technical support to other country teams on an as-needed basis.

Over the past quarter, Dr. Slote assisted in the close-out of BASICS II and the start-up of BASICS III, continued work on the HIDN (Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition) Office's strategy on Community-Based Treatment (CBT) of Pneumonia and Malaria, contributed to discussions on Pediatric HIV/AIDS, and continued assistance to East Timor and Iraq.

Dr. Slote also traveled to East Timor to assist the Mission in operationalizing its new health strategy, and to Senegal to discuss the next phase of a USAID-funded study on CBT of pneumonia and to attend a conference exploring the feasibility of partnering with a major pharmaceutical company on this endeavor.

Norma W. Wilson, M.S., DrPH, R.N., FPNP, PNP
Senior Advisor, The Measure Projects
USAID/GH/HIDN/HS

Dr. Norma Wilson serves as the Senior Advisor to The Measure Projects. She provides leadership in augmenting the usefulness of MEASURE products to health policy makers and program managers. She assists with the development and evaluation of initiatives relating to the improved collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data applicable to Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition sectors in developing countries. Specific attention is given to indicator and program data in the fields of child survival, HIV/AIDS and maternal health.

Dr. Wilson advises USAID on policy and program issues related to MEASURE, particularly as they related to the collection, utilization, analysis and dissemination of data that are applicable to the health sectors of developing countries. She assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition activities of the MEASURE project. She assists with the development, implementation and dissemination of health schedules (including areas such as, but not limited to, child health, nutrition, deliveries and maternal health, STIs, HIV/AIDS, health expenditure and utilization) for the Demographic Health Surveys and program monitoring and evaluation methodologies.

Dr. Wilson also assists with the development, implementation, assessment and dissemination of health assessment tools, including rapid diagnostics, to ascertain the level and magnitude of health problems in developing countries, as well as country programmatic capabilities to deliver and finance health care.

She serves as primary technical advisor from the Office of Health and Nutrition on areas pertaining to the development, use, and dissemination of MEASURE products, particularly those of MEASURE/DHS and MEASURE/Evaluation.



A food aid beneficiary and volunteer demonstrates how to incorporate corn-soy blend into daily recipes in ACDI/VOCA and TASO (The AIDS Support Organization) program that supports 60,000 food insecure people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Uganda. (Judy Canahuati)



Ms. Canahuati talks with an HIV/AIDS food beneficiary of the ACDI/VOCA and TASO (The AIDS Support Organization) program to support 60,000 food insecure people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Uganda



HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Health and Child Survival Internships

When funds and opportunities are available, USAID/GH and the HCSFP National Secretariat can provide experience to individuals with rare qualifications through individually tailored internships that meet the needs of USAID, the program and the intern. Internships can last between one and six months.

There are no Health and Child Survival Interns at this time.



Children from the Fasher neighborhood in Darfur, Sudan. They are dressed up for Eid celebrating the end of Ramadan. (Cathie Frazier, Former HCS Intern)



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Judy Canahuati has sent this picture of men and women participating in World Vision's community development program greeting the visitors with a song and dance about HIV, wearing a cloth "kapelana" allusive to "fighting HIV/AIDS for the good of the family and everyone to live healthy and happy".

